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### OCTOBER TRIP TO FARALLON ISLANDS

On Sunday, October 25, the Golden Gate Audubon Society made its third trip of the year to the Farallons, with a group of about 32 on board the Privateer II. It was heavily overcast and chilly all day. Although the waves were not as high as they often are, a brisk offshore wind gave us an unusual amount of spray on the way out, making observation difficult for the spectacle-wearers. Our most uncommon birds were seen near Fisherman's Wharf on the way out and near Berkeley Pier on our return—Elegant Terns, which have been seen in the bay this fall for the first time in many years. Unusually good views were had of Fulmars. At least six, including both color phases, were following the boat at one time, attracted by the food being distributed from the boat. In this behavior the Fulmar resembles the Black-footed Albatross rather than the Shearwater, which is not a boat-follower. One albatross followed the boat for a while. Shearwaters were seen frequently in small numbers, the Manx or Black-vented and the Sooty being the most abundant, with a small number of the New Zealand, and only a few Pink-footed. Numerous jaegers were seen, only a few of which had the elongated central tail-feathers that made possible their certain identification as Pomarine or Parasitic. Alcids were less common than usual. A few Pigeon Guillemots and Rhinoceros Auklets were observed. Seen at sea were a Lesser Goldfinch, and an unidentified warbler and finch.

Other observations included: Loon (sp.); Eared Grebe; Brown Pelican; Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorant (abundant at the Farallons); American Widgeon; White-winged and Surf Scoter; Ruddy Duck; American Coot; Black Oystercatcher; Killdeer; Black Turnstone; Red Phalarope; Glaucous-winged, Western, Herring, California, Ring-billed, Heermann's, and Bonaparte's Gull; Forster's Tern; Common Murre; Ancient Murrelet; House Sparrow; Brewer's Blackbird.

A. LAURENCE CURL, *Leader and Historian*

### OCTOBER TRIP TO ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

About 50 members and friends enjoyed bird watching at St. Mary's College on Saturday, October 10, a clear, hot fall day. At the lake, a Spotted Sandpiper and a Greater Yellowlegs made up for the absence of ducks. Audubon Warblers were abundant, many "flycatching" over the water. In the park, among other recently arrived wintering birds, a few Golden-crowned Kinglets were spotted by ear and eye. Earlier—before the 9:00 meeting time—the full song of a Ruby-crowned Kinglet and fragmentary notes of the Hermit Thrush's song were heard several times near the picnic area.

The following 50 species were seen or heard by the group: Pied-billed

Grebe; Great Blue Heron; Sharp-shinned, Red-tailed, and Sparrow Hawk; American Coot; Killdeer; Spotted Sandpiper; Greater Yellowlegs; Mourning Dove; Anna's Hummingbird; Belted Kingfisher; Red-shafted Flicker; Acorn Woodpecker; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Downy and Nuttall's Woodpecker; Black Phoebe; Steller's and Scrub Jay; Common Crow; Chestnut-backed Chickadee; Plain Titmouse; Common Bushtit; White-breasted Nuthatch; Wren-tit; Bewick's Wren; Robin; Hermit and Swainson's Thrush (GP); Western Bluebird; Golden-crowned and Ruby crowned Kinglet; Cedar Waxwing; Hutton's Vireo; Audubon's Warbler; House Sparrow; Western Meadowlark; Redwinged Blackbird; Brewer's Blackbird; House Finch; American and Lesser Goldfinch; Rufous-sided and Brown Towhee; Oregon Junco; White-crowned, Golden-crowned, Fox and Song Sparrow. MARIE MANS, *Leader and Historian*

### SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Members and friends of the Golden Gate Audubon Society are asked to take part in the annual San Francisco Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, December 27, starting at 8:00 a.m. This is an important and interesting event, one that everybody enjoys. And it happens throughout the United States around Christmas time. If you haven't yet wrapped yourself up warmly and gone out to count birds, why not begin this year?

After the count, we will do our compilation together. Mrs. Roberta Long, president of the Golden Gate Audubon Society, cordially invites all participants in this count to her home, 45 Clarendon Ave., San Francisco, for a buffet supper afterwards between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. So that Mrs. Long will have some idea of how many to expect, if you are coming please drop her a card or call at LO 4-7767.

Although we have been including the Marin shoreline, we have still been under the 15-mile diameter permitted under the national rules. This year, therefore, we are adding the Rodeo Lagoon and vicinity. We are especially pleased to add this area because it is an outstanding place for both land and water birds, and one we regularly cover on our Audubon trips. A full report of the July trip to the lagoon was in the October issue of *The Gull*. We should be able to do even better for the Christmas count, now that we are in the heavy water-bird season.

The groups, meeting places, and leaders are as follows:

GROUP 1, Palace of Fine Arts, RICHARD STALLCUP, LO 9-3185

GROUP 2, McLaren Park, Mission & Geneva, FRANK ZOGRAFOS, TE 4-9660  
(weekdays) or JE 7-7064 (eves. and weekends)

GROUP 3, Land's End, Sutro Heights, HAROLD G. PETERSON, LO 8-7534

GROUP 4, Golden Gate Park, Fulton & 30th Ave., DR. ALBERT BOLES,  
GL 1-6267

GROUP 5, Golden Gate Park, 10th Ave. & Fulton, MARIE MANS, TH 8-5186

GROUP 6, Golden Gate Park, 10th Ave. & Fulton, FLORENCE PLYMELL,  
PR 6-1208

GROUP 7, Lake Merced & Fleishacker Playground, GERALD PHILLIPS,  
HE 1-2936

GROUP 8, Stern Grove, MYRA BROWNE, TW 3-5469

GROUP 9, Seal Rocks & Pacific Ocean, ERLINE HEVEL, PR 5-6498

GROUP 10, Presidio at Lombard Gate, LESLIE BARTOW, WE 1-0283

- GROUP 11, San Francisco Bay, foot of Van Vess Ave, PETER VEITCH,  
CL 4-2419
- GROUP 12, Treasure & Yerba Buena Islands, L. RICHARD LEINBACH, LA 6-7649
- GROUP 13, Smaller City Parks, ROBERTA LONG, LO 4-7767
- GROUP 14, Marin Shoreline, ELIZABETH S. LENNON, ED 2-1641
- GROUP 15, Rodeo Lagoon and Vicinity, Leader being recruited

Sign up with the leader of your group and take part in this nationwide Audubon event. Participants are also invited to share the 50¢ entry fee. AILEEN PIERSON, *Compiler*, JU 7-4163, 810 Gonzalez Dr., S. F. 27.

### OAKLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The annual East Bay Christmas Bird Count will be taken this year on January 1, 1960, in the various parts of a 15-mile diameter circle extending from south of Oakland Airport north to Pt. Isabel in Richmond and inland to San Pablo Reservoir and Golf Links Road. This is an exciting all-day adventure starting (for the most adventurous) at 3 a.m. but for most around 8 a.m., and ending usually at dusk. Last year this count was 12th in the nation and could easily be higher this year with a little more concentrated coverage. Some of the rarest species were reported by busy housewives who devoted what time they could to keeping a close lookout for birds at their feeding stations or backyards. All those who would like to contribute on a part-time basis such as this should phone the compiler.

Those who will be able to spend the whole day, or part of it, in an assigned area, either with or under the guidance of a leader, should call one of the group leaders listed below:

- GROUP 1, Joaquin Miller Park, Mills College, S.F. Bay (aboard the Sea Scout ship "Marlin", Berkeley), HOWARD COGSWELL, NE 6-1573
- GROUP 2, Shoreline from Pt. Isabel south to Bay Bridge, PHYLLIS LINDLEY, LA 4-0308.
- GROUP 3, Bay Farm Is., Lincoln Park, etc., JUNEA W. KELLEY, LA 2-7084
- GROUP 4, Oakland Rose Garden, Upper Diamond Canyon, etc., VOLUNTEER NEEDED!
- GROUP 5, Mt. View Cemetery, Piedmont Park, Lower end of Diamond Canyon, DR. ALBERT BOLES, GL 1-6267
- GROUP 6, Lake Merritt, Lakeside Park, Gov't Is., etc., PAUL COVEL, KE 6-4120
- GROUP 7, Lake Temescal, Claremont area, ARTHUR MYER, TH 5-3080
- GROUP 8, Sunset View Cemetery, Albany Hill, small Berkeley and Albany parks, L. R. LEINBACH, LA 6-7649
- GROUP 9, San Pablo Res., Tilden Park, Orinda area, Bear Creek Road and adjoining areas, A. LAURENCE CURL, LA 6-7004
- GROUP 10, Hills from U.C. campus and Tilden Golf course so. to and including Redwood Regional Park, VOLUNTEER NEEDED!
- GROUP 11, Lafayette, Moraga, St. Mary's College, HARRY ADAMSON, AT 3-2164
- GROUP 12, Devil's Punchbowl and adjoining area, HAROLD PETERSON, LO 8-7534
- GROUP 13, So. end of count area from San Leandro Reservoir into Grass Valley Regional Park, LEE STALLCUP, LO 9-3185
- There are areas which are not being covered this year; if you would

be interested in leading a group please phone the compiler for the area location. The traditional POST-COUNT DINNER will be at Mills College. Drive in campus off MacArthur Blvd., just east of Calaveras Ave. continue on Richards Rd. to glass-fronted building at the road's end. The dinner will start around 6:00 p.m.; please phone John Ralph if you plan to come so he can tell you what to bring. JOHN RALPH, *Compiler*, LA 5-0373

## REPORT ON CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION COUNCIL 25th CONFERENCE

The annual conference was held at Sacramento November 5 and 6. Dr. Fred Evenden of Sacramento spoke on behalf of the National Audubon Society. Bill Goodall received an award for zeal in Conservation. Paul Covell represented our chapter and brought back many ideas on present conservation trends. The conference closed by electing Dr. Robert C. Miller of the California Academy of Sciences as President, re-electing Dr. Pearl Chase as Executive Vice President and passing a memorial resolution in honor of the late Aubrey Drury.

BONNIE SMITH, *Program Chairman*

### AUBREY DRURY

Words cannot express adequately the measure of loss to California and to the cause of Conservation in the passing of Aubrey Drury at Berkeley on October 23rd. This nationally known author and conservationist was probably best known to most of us as the eloquent spokesman for the Save the Redwoods League, and its Administrative Secretary for the past 20 years. Mr. Drury's best known book his *California: An Intimate Guide*, but his literary career had begun as a contributing editor to University of California publications while an undergraduate. He was past-president and director of the California Historical Society and an active member of the California Conservation Council.

A resolution in memoriam to Aubrey Drury concluded the 25th Annual Conference of the California Conservation Council, at which time it was announced that contributions are being accepted by the Save the Redwoods League for an Aubrey Drury Memorial Grove. I would like to paraphrase the famous words: "Give me men to match my mountains"—by observing that in Aubrey Drury we had "a man to match our redwoods", whose majestic living ranks along the Redwood Highway offer fitting testimonial to him and his co-workers.

PAUL F. COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Audubon Society selected the following to serve on the nominating committee: Mrs. Myra Browne, Chairman; Dr. Albert Boles, and Mrs. Agnes Oczkewecz.

Mr. Harold Peterson, Field Trips Chairman, was sent as a delegate from the Golden Gate Audubon Society to the National Audubon Society's Annual Convention in New York City on November 7-10. We shall be looking forward to a most interesting report on the convention highlights.

The Conservation Resource Center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California has a special Gift List to aid you in your Christmas shopping; send for yours now. Remember any purchase helps support the nation-wide conservation programs of the National Audubon Society.

## DECEMBER MEETING

The 502nd regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in San Francisco on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Josephine Randall Junior Museum on Roosevelt Way at Masonic. Take #43 bus at Market and 14th Sts. The driver will let you off at the museum entrance. Shuttle service will be provided. For those driving see enclosed map.

The speaker will be our own vice-president, Mrs. Charles H. Smith, who has prepared a program on the national parks. She knows them well, having served as park naturalist at Muir Woods National Monument (She is now preparing a book about this area). She has photographed many other national parks and will show her prize slides. The work of Steve Mather will be traced thus providing an interesting and educational program for teen-agers as well as adults. Come and bring your friends.

**NOTE:** The January meeting on Thursday, January 14, will be the Annual appear in the next issue of *The Gull*. Afsn

Meeting. A gala dinner is being arranged. Reservation notices will appear in the next issue of *The Gull*. Save this date! BONNIE SMITH *Program Chairman*

### **Golden Gate Audubon Society Sanctuary and Memorial Fund**

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Contributions to this fund, which are tax deductible, should be sent to Dr. Albert Boles, Sanctuary and Memorial Fund Chairman, 854 Longridge Road, Oakland 10, California.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Berkeley, Miss Charlotte Coleman, Mrs. John M. Mead, and Mrs. Margaret Tooley; from Oakland, Mrs. Hazel S. Mays and Mrs. R. M. Watt; from Piedmont, Piedmont Campfire Girls; from San Francisco, Miss Joan Ann Mayerle and Mrs. Eugene Ostwald; from Santa Rosa, Miss Ann M. Brockman.

AGNES OCZKEWECZ, *Membership Chairman*

### **FIELD TRIPS FOR DECEMBER**

On Sunday, December 6, to Marin Lakes. The area around Phoenix Lake will be visited. Lake Lagunitas and Bon Tempe Lake are possibilities for the more ambitious. American and Hooded Mergansers are often seen this time of year. Many land birds can be seen along the trails. Meet at the Fire House in Ross at 9: a.m. Greyhound bus leaving 7th and Mission Sts. in San Francisco at 7:55 a.m. arriving at Ross at 8:55 a.m. Bring binoculars, telescopes, lunch and interested friends. Leader, MYRA BROWNE, TW 3-5469.

On Saturday, December 12, to San Andreas and Crystal Springs Reservoirs plus a side trip to Moss Beach, San Mateo County. The reservoir has two large lakes and includes a variety of habitats such as dense oak-laurel-madrone forest with some Douglas fir, areas of broken woodland, various chaparral types and grassland. Last year the species seen on November 9 included Green-winged Teal, Redhead and Ring-necked Duck and good views of Common Snipe. Ospreys and Bald Eagles have stopped here in migration. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at El Camino Real and Millbrae Ave. in Millbrae. This point can be reached by Greyhound bus leaving the San Francisco terminal at 7th and Mission Sts., 7:20 a.m. After lunch a trip will be made to Moss Beach, San Mateo County, for a study of animals living between the tides such as Sea Urchins, Star Fish, Limpets and Turbans (see Percy Morris's *Field Guide to Shells of the Pacific and Hawaii* and Ricketts & Calvin, *Between Pacific Tides*). Bring along hip boots if you have them, otherwise come prepared to wade and get wet. Leader, HOWARD COGSWELL, NE 6-1573

#### TENTATIVE FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE, JANUARY — MARCH, 1960

Sunday, January 10 — Tomales Bay

Saturday, January 30 — Richardson Bay and Tiburon

Saturday & Sunday, February 13 & 14 — Ritchie Ranch, 2 trips

Saturday, February 27 — San Francisco Zoo and Lake Merced

Sunday, March 6 — Rodeo Lagoon

Saturday & Sunday, March 12 & 13 — Moss Landing & Monterey overnight

Saturday, March 26 — Tilden Park

HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

**FIELD OBSERVATIONS:** Aileen Bonestell reported a White-throated Sparrow at her feeding tray, on both November 7 and 11, 1959.

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